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1. ROUND 1 OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN EMPLOYEES MOLAFLEX CORP. AND OPORTO REGION MILITARY AUTHORITIES ENDED WITHOUT APPRECIABLE DISORDER IN EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 28 (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH OPORTO CROWD GREW FROM 300 - 400 TO SOME 1,500, AND ALTHOUGH MILITARY AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO DEAL WITH EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES UNDER "PRESSURE," WORKERS VOLUNTARILY DISPERSED TOWARD 2:30 A.M. ONLY DIFFICULT MOMENTS CAME AROUND MIDNIGHT, WHEN SOME 200 - 300 COUNTER-DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED. HOSTILE SLOGANS LED TO SOME PUSHING-AND-SHOVING AND FISTFIGHTS.

2. SAO JOAO DA MADEIRA CROWD ALSO DISSOLVED PEACEFULLY; SOLDIERS IN VALE DE CAMBRA LEFT SITE LATE EVENING JUNE 27.

3. IMMEDIATE OUTCOME: OPORTO MILITARY COMMAND ISSUED
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COMMUNIQUE JUNE 28 DENOUNCING DEMONSTRATORS AS HAVING BEEN

"MANIPULATED" BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. ACTING IN NAME OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, MILITARY COMMAND ORDERED INQUIRY INTO BACKGROUND OF DEMONSTRATION AND FREEZING OF ASSETS OF FAMILY AND RELATIVES OF MOLAFLEX MANAGER IN WHOSE BEHALF DEMONSTRATORS HAD GATHERED. IN EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 29 MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE SAID TO HAVE TRANSFERRED MANAGER FROM OPORTO AREA TO CAXIAS PRISON OUTSIDE LISBON.

4. COMMENT: LANGUAGE OF MILITARY COMMUNIQUE WAS TOUGH, BUT IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT WORKERS WILL BE COWED. POSSIBILITY THEREFORE EXISTS THAT THIS ENCOUNTER WILL NOT BE LAST INVOLVING MOLAFLEX EMPLOYEES.
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